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BIG DONUT

EAT A BIG Donut

HI, SADIE!

HEY, STEVEN!

SO, WHAT'LL IT BE TODAY?

HMMMM...WHICH FLAVOR SPEAKS THE MOST TO ME TODAY...

I JUST CAN'T DECIDE!

MY DONUT MUSE SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT ME TODAY.

INDECISIVE, HUH?

SIGH

YES...

WELL, MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO TRY A NEW FLAVOR?

GASP!

THERE'S A NEW FLAVOR?!

YEP!

OUR LATEST, SEASONAL CREATION.

THE PUMPKIN DONUT!

THIS IS... AMAZING!

WHO DO I HAVE TO THANK FOR THIS INCREDIBLE CREATION?

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S A COLLABORATION?

WHAT?! NO IT'S NOT!

IT WAS ALL SADIE'S IDEA!

ALRIGHT, WHATEVER YOU SAY.

SO WHAT INSPIRED YOUR DONUT MUSE TO CREATE A NEW FLAVOR?

HAHA WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT A DONUT MUSE...

BUT WE--

--ER...

I WANTED TO MAKE AN ENTRY TO REPRESENT THE BIG DONUT FOR THE TASTE OF BEACH CITY, SINCE IT'S COMING UP SOON.

WHA' ISH THAT?

OH, YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT?

I THINK MAYOR DEWEY IS TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO BRING MORE TOURISTS HERE DURING THE OFF SEASON.

SO HE MADE A CONTEST TO BRING THE BOARDWALK BUSINESSES TOGETHER AND MAKE SPECIALTY, AUTUMN-THEMED FOOD. WHICH MOSTLY MEANS A BUNCH OF PUMPKIN FLAVORED THINGS.

THE TASTE OF BEACH CITY!

Come and experience a taste of autumn flavor from Beach City's finest cooks. Vote for your favorite entry!

WINNER WILL RECEIVE A SECRET PRIZE!

BUT I THINK YOU CAN ENTER SOMETHING IF YOU AREN'T OFFICIALLY A BUSINESS TOO.

HMMM...

PUMPKINS YOU SAY...

SADIE, DO YOU HAVE AN EXTRA COPY OF THAT FLIER?

SURE THING, STEVEN!

THANKS, SADIE!

BYE, STEVEN!

LAPIS! PERIDOT!

STEVEN!

ARF!

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU!

SMACK

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU TWO TOO!

SO WHAT BRINGS YOURSELF TO OUR NECK OF THE BARN?

THERE'S GOING TO BE AN AUTUMN COOK-OFF IN BEACH CITY, AND I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE FUN IF WE ENTERED!

SINCE YOU GUYS DO HAVE A LOT OF VEGETABLES OUT HERE.

WHAT'S A "COOK-OFF"?

IT'S LIKE, AN EVENT WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE MAKE DIFFERENT FOOD DISHES AND BRING THEM IN ONE PLACE FOR EVERYONE TO TRY.

BUT WHY WOULD WE WANT TO MAKE A BUNCH OF FOOD WE'RE NOT GOING TO EAT?

WELL, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO WILL EAT IT!

AND I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO COOK SOMETHING TOGETHER.

HMM, WELL I WOULDN'T MIND THAT.

I MEAN I SUPPOSE.

BUT I DO WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING MORE WE COULD GET OUT OF IT.

WELL, IT ALSO SAYS HERE THAT THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE--

GASP MATERIAL PROOF OF MY SUPERIORITY?

I MUST OBTAIN IT!

WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?!

LET'S START HARVESTING THESE EARTH VEGETABLES!

SO, WHICH OF THESE VEGETABLES WOULD BE MOST SUITABLE FOR COOKING, STEVEN?

HMMM, I REMEMBER SADIE SAYING PUMPKINS WERE A POPULAR CHOICE.

MAYBE WE CAN TRY MAKING A PUMPKIN PIE?

GRRRRRR!

BARK BARK!

WHOAH!

WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HER?

I GUESS SHE DOESN'T WANT US TO HURT THE OTHER PUMPKINS.

SORRY, PUMPKIN! I DIDN'T MEAN TO UPSET YOU.

IT'S OKAY! WE CAN FIND SOME OTHER VEGETABLES TO USE!

HRRGH!

OOF!

ALRIGHT, I THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH VEGETABLES.

LET'S BRING THESE BACK TO THE TEMPLE AND GET COOKING!

ALRIGHT, SO I ASSUME THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME COOKING, SO I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT TO DO.

PLEASE, WHAT KIND OF AMATEURS DO YOU THINK WE ARE?

WE KNOW HOW TO PROPERLY PREPARE FOOD FROM WATCHING CAMP PINING HEARTS.

THE WILDERNESS SURVIVAL ARC WAS VERY INFORMATIVE.

FIRST, YOU NEED WATER.

OKAY, THAT SOUNDS RIGHT.

AND THEN YOU JUST PUT THE VEGETABLES IN.

UH, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE NEXT STEP...

AND THEN YOU JUST ADD FIRE AND WAIT!

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS!

DON'T WORRY, I'LL GUIDE US THROUGH THE STEPS.

FIRST, WE NEED TO WASH THESE VEGETABLES WITH SOAP AND WATER...

OH! I'VE GOT THE SOAP!

AND I CAN HANDLE THE WATER

THEN WE JUST NEED TO PEEL THESE CARROTS...

AND THEN THE INSTRUCTIONS SAY TO BLEND THE SQUASH...

RRRRR!

YEAH! THAT'S IT!

STIR IT JUST LIKE THAT!

I THINK WE HAVE EVERYTHING!

LET'S HEAD DOWN TO THE BOARDWALK!

HI, MAYOR DEWEY!

WE'RE HERE TO ENTER SOMETHING FOR THE CONTEST!

AH! MORE ENTRIES FOR THE TASTE OF BEACH CITY!

HOW DELIGHTFUL!

HERE'S YOUR ENTRY NUMBER, UNIVERSE.

FEEL FREE TO SET UP WHEREVER THERE'S ROOM!

THANKS, MAYOR DEWEY!

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I HOPE PEOPLE WILL LIKE WHAT WE MADE.

THEY'LL HAVE TO! IT'S THE BEST THING I'VE EVER COOKED!

WELL... THE ONLY THING TOO I GUESS.

BUT STILL!

HEY, DID YOU TWO SEE WHERE PUMPKIN WENT?

WASN'T SHE JUST WITH US?

DON'T WORRY LAPIS, I'M SURE SHE'S JUST EXPLORING THE NEW AREA.

AND DOING WHATEVER QUADRUPEDAL PUMPKINS TYPICALLY DO.

SHE'LL BE BACK SOON ENOUGH!

YEAH, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT.

ATTENTION TASTE OF BEACH CITY GOERS!

IT'S TIME TO GET THIS EVENT STARTED!

PLEASE, GO AROUND AND SAMPLE AS MANY ENTRIES AS YOU CAN!

AFTER DOING SO, YOU MAY CAST ONE VOTE AND PLACE IT IN THIS BOX HERE.

THE ENTRY WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL BE OUR WINNER AND BE AWARDED A MYSTERY PRIZE!

AND WITH THAT, LET THE COMPETITION *BEGIN!*

HEY! AMETHYST!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

CHOMP!

UH, HOW COULD I NOT BE HERE?

I COULDN'T PASS UP ALL THIS FREE FOOD!

UH-UH! THAT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU!

WE ONLY HAVE SO MUCH PUMPKIN HARVEST PIZZA TO GO AROUND.

AND PEOPLE WON'T VOTE FOR OUR PIZZA IF THEY HAVEN'T TRIED IT.

ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT!

I'LL GO FIND SOME OTHER ENTRIES TO "SAMPLE."

HEY, THIS SOUP IS PRETTY GOOD, STEVEN!

OH, THANK... YOU...

ONION, WHY DO YOU HATE FOOD?

AAAAH!

WHO DESTROYED OUR PUMPKIN FRIES?!

RONALDO, DID YOU SEE WHO DID THIS?

I UM... MIGHT HAVE MISSED IT BECAUSE I WAS BLOGGING...

THE FRIES COME FIRST RONALDO!

AMETHYST, YOU DIDN'T HAPPEN TO UH, EAT HERE RECENTLY DID YOU?

HEY, DON'T TRY TO PIN THIS ON ME!

I WOULD NEVER LET GOOD FOOD GO TO WASTE LIKE THIS!

THEN WHO COULD--

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

JENNY! WHAT HAPPENED OVER HERE?

I DUNNO!

I WAS HELPING KIKI MOVE SOME PIZZA BOXES AND WHEN WE CAME BACK IT JUST LOOKED LIKE THIS!

WHO WOULD DO THIS?

YEAH, AND WHY IS OUR SOUP UNTOUCHED?

DIDN'T BOTH OF THEM MENTION THEIR RECIPES HAD PUMPKIN IN THEM?

OH YEAH! AND OURS DOESN'T!

SO BY THAT REASONING... ANOTHER PUMPKIN RECIPE WILL BE TARGETED NEXT!

WE HAVE TO WARN LARS AND SADIE! THEIR PUMPKIN DONUTS COULD BE NEXT!

SADIE! LARS!

YOUR DONUTS ARE IN DANGER!

THERE'S A PUMPKIN-HATING VANDAL ON THE LOOSE!

UH... WHAT?

LET'S HIDE UNDER HERE AND WAIT UNTIL WE HEAR SOMETHING.

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD STRATEGY!

LAPIS, CAN YOU WATCH THE TABLE FROM ABOVE?

YOU COULD CATCH THE CULPRIT BY FLYING DOWN AT THEM!

UM, SURE.

SADIE, LARS! LOOK LIKE YOU'RE DISTRACTED.

OH! UH, OK!

NO PROBLEM...

THUMP THUMP

IS THAT THE CULPRIT ALREADY?

LAPIS NOW!

BOOM!

LAPIS!

DID YOU GET THEM?

PUMPKIN! THERE YOU ARE!

PUMPKIN IS THE CULPRIT?

BUT WHAT WAS SHE DOING HERE?

HISSSS!!!

NOT AGAIN!

OH...SHE MUST BE UPSET AT ALL THE PUMPKIN PRODUCTS.

IN RETROSPECT, I SUPPOSE WE SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED THIS TO HAPPEN.

STEVEN! IS YOUR PET HERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RUINING OUR ENTRIES?

HOW DO YOU PLAN ON MAKING IT UP TO US HMM?

UUUUH...

IT DOESN'T MATTER SINCE YOUR ENTRIES WERE CLEARLY INFERIOR TO OURS, WHICH WILL CERTAINLY WIN!

ATTENTION EVERYONE!

THE VOTES ARE IN AND HAVE BEEN TALLIED.

AND THE WINNER IS...

...SADIE AND LARS WITH THEIR PUMPKIN DONUTS!

AND THE WINNER RECEIVES...

...A YEAR SUPPLY OF CREAMED CORN!

PROVIDED BY OUR SPONSOR, COLONEL KERNEL'S CLASSIC CREAMED CORN.

OH, THAT'S ALL?

I GUESS IT'S NOT A TERRIBLE LOSS.

AND OF COURSE, HERE'S YOUR WINNING RIBBON!

OH! UH, THANK YOU!

OH... ALL THAT EFFORT FOR NOTHING...

HEY SADIE, DO YOU THINK... *WHISPER* *WHISPER*

HEY, UH, PERIDOT WAS IT?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE THIS RIBBON FOR A BIT?

YOU SURE THAT'S A GOOD IDEA?

SHE'S NEVER GOING TO TAKE IT OFF.

I'M SURE IT'LL BE FINE.

I PROMISE I'LL GET THAT RIBBON BACK TO YOU LATER.

YEAH NO WORRIES. LET HER HAVE HER FUN.

THE END

MEET YOUR NEW NEIGHBOR
ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE

Ryan Ferrier (*Kennel Block Blues*) and Ian McGinty (*Welcome to Showside*) continue BOOM! Studios' partnership with Nickelodeon with all-new stories about everyone's favorite wallaby! When Rocko faces unemployment, a terrible living situation, and increasingly slim job prospects, he is forced to find out just how far he is willing to go to get a job.

Issue One Cover
Jorge Monlongo

Ryan Ferrier
Writer

Ian McGinty
Artist

Are you a big fan of *Rocko's Modern Life*? What's it like working on a comic for a show you watched as a kid?

Ferrier: I am definitely a huge fan; when the opportunity to work on this series came around, I lost my cool! Growing up, *Rocko's* was always one of my favorites, so to help usher in a new iteration of this world, especially alongside Ian who is one of my favorite artists, is a pretty big honor.

McGinty: Absolutely. *Rocko's* was included in a television line-up on Nickelodeon that started right when I got home from school, so I'd do my homework while watching *Rocko's Modern Life*, *Rugrats* and *Doug*, plus *David the Gnome* (that was on PBS, so I could trick my mom into thinking I was learning). *Rocko's* was by far the strangest of the three on Nick and, therefore, my favorite. It's pretty bizarre to be working on the comic, and I've worked on a lot of comics based on TV series, but this has to be the best possible scenario. Getting to work with Ryan *and* the *Rocko's* gang? C'mon!

What adventures are Rocko and his friends up to in this new series?

Ferrier: We're telling a modern story, just as the title suggests, and we start in O-Town after the same passage of time since the show; so as creators, we've aged just as the characters have, and Rocko and co. are facing a whole new set of challenges that they could only have now. That being said, we have some absolutely wild things planned for everyone, and nothing is off the table!

McGinty: Our dive into the world of O-Town focuses on the challenges of being a holdover from a different era. Rocko and his pals are swept into the 21st Century and Rocko has to deal with the challenges that we all, mostly, take for granted; cell phones, 3D printers, new tech based jobs, these are all things completely unknown to Rocko, and he and Heffer and Filburt and Spunky and everyone gotta learn to cope with it all or else.

> "...ROCKO AND CO. ARE FACING A **WHOLE NEW SET OF CHALLENGES** THAT THEY COULD ONLY HAVE NOW."

Who do you relate to the most in *Rocko's Modern Life*? The least?

Ferrier: I'm about 75% Rocko and 25% Filburt; a fatty cut of fleeting optimism and misfortune seared with a crust of paranoia.

McGinty: Definitely Ralph Bighead, Ed Bighead's son, a manic/depressive creator of a super popular animated series based on his parents. I've literally done that. I even look like him. I can't really say there's a character I *don't* relate to in *Rocko's Modern Life*, but if I had to pick I'd say Really Really Big Man because his nipple powers are pretty gross.

If you were stranded on a deserted island with one character from *Rocko's Modern Life*, who would you want it to be and why?

Ferrier: Spunky, without a doubt! A dog is the greatest companion one could ever have on a desert island. I feel like anyone else would get really annoyed with me before first nightfall; it wouldn't end well.

McGinty: Probably Peaches, 'cause it would be a lot more fun, though I guess I could also eat the entire cast of Wacky Delly. ■

Character Art by
Ian McGinty

ROCKO'S MODERN LIFE #1
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JIM HENSON'S

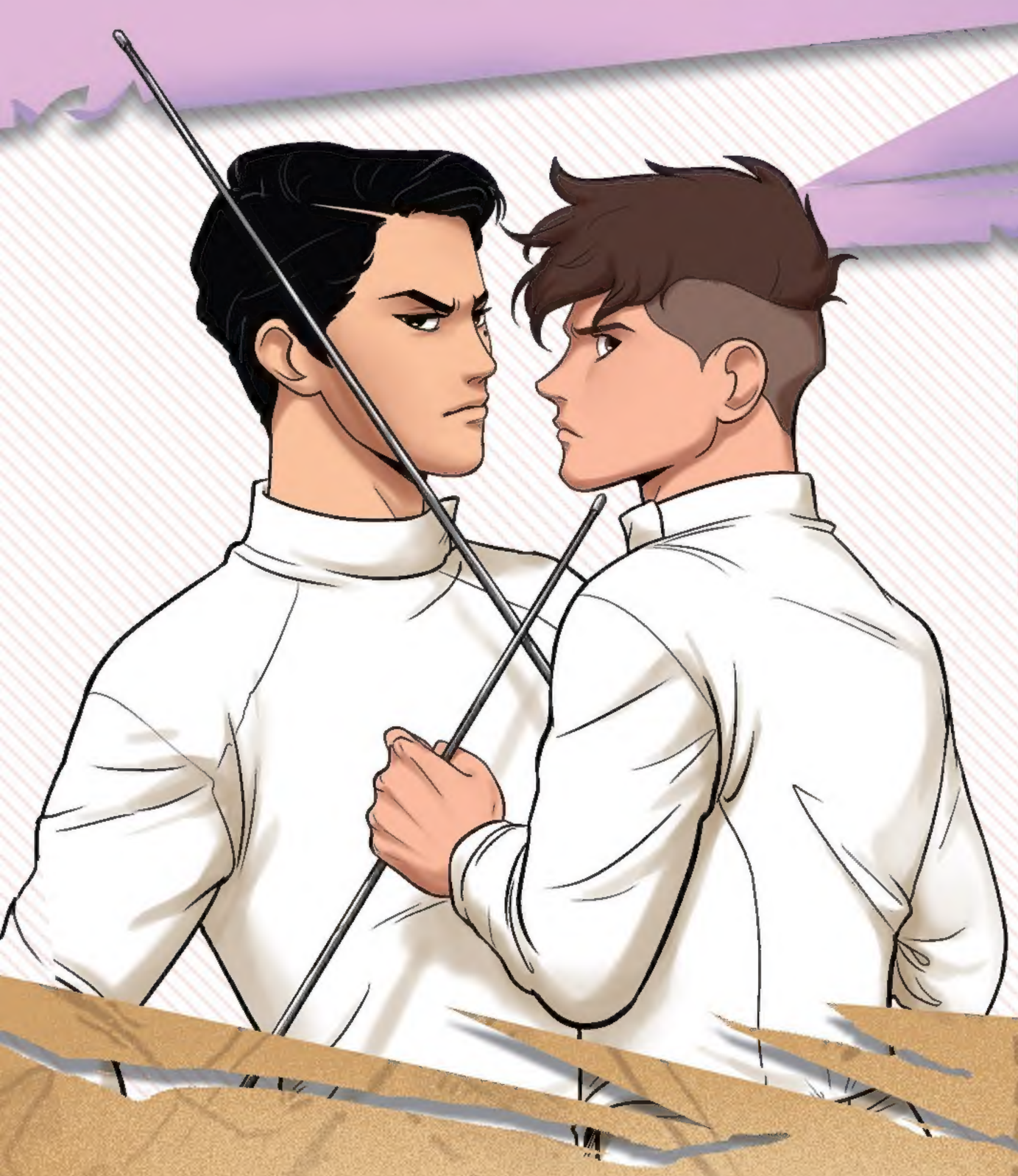
THE STORYTELLER: FAIRIES

We've explored stories of witches, dragons, and giants from around the world next to the cozy fireplace of the Storyteller and his faithful hound. Now, discover four new tales of the fair folk in *Jim Henson's The Storyteller: Fairies*.

In our first issue, Matt Smith (*Lake of Fire, Barbarian Lord*) reimagines "The Elf Queen and the Shepherd," a tale of elven fairies in Iceland. When a Fairy Princess is banished to the human realm and cursed to bring death with her, Grettir the Strong must discover the source of the trouble.

Jim Henson's The Storyteller: Fairies
Matt Smith

JIM HENSON'S **THE STORYTELLER: FAIRIES #1** IS IN COMIC SHOPS **DECEMBER 20!**



ICYMI: FENCE

THE COMPETITION HEATS UP

Nicholas is still reeling from his confrontation with Seiji in the tournament when he starts his first day at Kings Row Boys' School. His scholarship depends on him making the fencing team, but he's a little distracted from his goal when he meets his new roommate...Seiji?!

FENCE #2
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THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!

MISFIT CITY VOL.1

Nothing's happened in Wilder's hometown since they filmed the cult kids' adventure movie *The Gloomies* there in the '80s. Now Cannon Cove is just a boring tourist trap where nothing ever happens...until she and her friends come upon a centuries-old pirate map drawn by someone named Black Mary!

It's a rip-roaring adventure written by award-winning screenwriter Kirsten "Kiwi" Smith (*10 Things I Hate About You, Legally Blonde*) and Kurt Lustgarten, and illustrated by Naomi Franquiz.

MISFIT CITY VOL. 1
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Currently Watching: *Boku no Hero Academia*, per Social Media Coordinator Stephanie's recommendation! Next up, *Riverdale*. #MonthsBehind

Movie I Can Quote By Heart: *The Princess Bride, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, High Fidelity.*

Currently Reading: Recently reread *Last Call at the Nightshade Lounge*, and I'm looking forward to diving into *River of Teeth* next. I'm slowly making my way through a mountain of books and back comic pulls... one day. #MonthsBehindForReal

Favorite Item on Desk: It's a toss-up between a note from my mom (awwww!) and my taxidermy piranha, Ensign Bitey McChomperson.

Hometown: "Stormy, husky, brawling, City of big shoulders."
—Carl Sandburg, "Chicago"

THE COMPLETE OKKO

From master storyteller Hub, *The Complete Okko* contains all five volumes of his ambitious fantasy series that explores one ronin's journey of redemption across a world that is as beautiful as it is violent.

It is the Time of Mists in the Pajan Empire, an era of warring clans struggling for ultimate power. While most warriors shed blood on the battlefield for one clan or another, Okko the Ronin travels elsewhere on a more personal mission, hunting demons across the land with his companions.

THE COMPLETE OKKO
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **DECEMBER 27!**!

The Complete Okko HC
Hub

YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT

KLAUS AND THE CRISIS IN XMASVILLE

Eisner Award-winning creator Grant Morrison (*All-Star Superman*) and Russ Manning Award winner Dan Mora (*Saban's Go Go Power Rangers*) reunite for a brand-new *Klaus* Special!

A Santa from an alternate dimension has founded an evil soda corporation that uses Christmas and Santa as a marketing tactic to build their fortunes. Only Klaus can defeat the Pola Cola Corp and the zombie-like Santas that are in the evil Santa's thrall.

KLAUS AND THE CRISIS IN XMASVILLE
IS IN COMIC SHOPS **DECEMBER 6**!